

[Translation]

[English]

Vayudoot Aircrafts

6240. SHRI RATILALS VARMA:
DR. RAMESHCHAND TOMAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of Vayudoot aircrafts are not airworthy; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the loss being suffered by Vayudoot as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Vayudoot has 17 aircraft (8 Dorniers, 8 Avros and 1 Fokker) in its fleet. Out of which, 8 aircraft (4 Dorniers, 3 Avros and 1 Fokker) are not airworthy for want of spares and engines. In the circumstances in which Vayudoot is Operating it is difficult to quantify the loss.

Waiting list of Telephones in Maharashtra

6241. SHRI SHANKARRAO KALE:
SHRI RAMACHANDRA
GANGARE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone subscribers in Ahmednagar and Wardha districts of Maharashtra at present;

(b) the number of persons in the waiting list for telephone connections in this districts; and

(c) the time by which the waiting list is likely to be cleared?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The number of Telephone subscribers as on 29.2.92 are as under:

Wardha District	--	4146
Ahmednagar District	-	16353

(b) The waiting list as on 29.2.92 is as under:

Wardha District	-	1295
Ahmednagar District	-	8323

(c) As per draft 8th Plan proposal expansion programmes are being drawn with an objective to provide by the end of the 8th Plan:

(i) telephones practically on de-

mand in rural areas; and

(ii) to reduce the waiting period to within two years in larger systems.

Accordingly, the above waiting list is expected to be cleared progressively during the 8th Plan period.

[Translation]

Use of Modern Printing Techniques by Newspaper

6242. SHRIBRAHMANAND MANDAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be please to state:

(a) whether due to use of modern printing techniques by large industrial houses of newspapers, the small newspapers are in crises;

(b) whether the Government propose to lay down guidelines for the encouragement of small newspapers, to compete with big newspapers;

(c) whether the Government propose to provide small modern printing machines to small newspaper, published in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRIJA VYAS):

(a) and (b). Though the use of modern printing technology might give some advantages to large newspapers compared to small and medium newspapers, Government have been sympathetic to the growth of small and medium newspapers and have extended concessions from time to time to them to facilitate a balanced growth for the Press in the country consistent with the policy of maintaining the freedom of press.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Validity of setting up of Disc Antennae

6243. SHRIBARE LAL JATAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be please to refer to the reply given to the Unstarred Question No. 1291 on 4.3.91 and state the steps taken by the Government on the report given by the Committee?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRIJA VYAS): The Recommendation of the Inter-Departmental Committee to study various aspects of establishment of Cable TV Networks and Dish-Antennae Systems are under consideration of the Government.

[English]

Losses of Indian Airlines

6244. SHRI P.M. SYEED: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines is loosing heavy amount by allowing airlines passengers to carry cabin baggages in excess of prescribed limit;

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken against those found guilty; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to prevent the recurrence of such a loss in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Passengers are allowed to carry